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REMARKS

Changes to the Specification

Amendments have been made to the specification to improve the readability of

the application. The term "gas flux dosage valve" at page 7, line 29 has been replaced

with "regulating valve for regulating a gas flow" due to translation inaccuracy. No new

matter has been added.

The term "valve 81" has been replaced with "plug 81" and the term "slide valve

casing 82" has been replaced with "regulating valve 82" due to translation inaccuracy.

No new matter has been added.

Changes to the Claims

Claims 1-12 have been canceled. New method claims 13-16 have been added and

are supported by the specification on page 13, lines 25-30. No new matter has been

added.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and an early allowance of this application

are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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